Merger of Geological Sciences

162. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended merger of Geophysics (Exploration), Geophysics (Instrumentation) and Mineral Physics into one stream namely Geophysics in Geological Survey of India;

(b) if so, whether the Director General, Geological Survey of India, has also recommended the merger of above three streams in his Ministry; and

(c) if so, by when Government would approve the proposed merger of these three streams and issue notification in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The merger in the Senior Deputy Director General level posts has already been done and the Recruitment Rules have been amended accordingly, Regarding the merger in the Junior Time Scale/Senior Time Scale/Senior Administrative Grade level posts, a proposal for introduction of the Flexible Complementing Scheme (FCS), in the merged scenario, is awaiting revision of the FCS Scheme itself.

Gas leakage in Nalco

†163. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas leakage in the smelter plant of National Aluminium company located in Orissa has greatly damaged the nearby areas;

(b) if so, the effect and quantum of damage thereof;

(c) the kind and amount of compensation given to the victims; and

(d) the details of various measures being taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

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